Hence the consideration of the bill was postponed for the next day.

State Aid to Industries Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, no long speech is required in introducing this Bill as this Bill is more or less a copy of the law which is in force in the Madras Presidency. But owing to the peculiar conditions prevalent in this State it may be necessary to consider it in a Select Committee with a view to make necessary alterations if any required. The principle of the Bill cannot be opposed because the Government have many a time expressed in this Council that they are also for promoting industries in the State. They have also spent money on some industrial concerns although some of them have not proved successful. In the circumstances I think it is unnecessary to have a long speech in introducing this Bill.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I beg to second it and in seconding I would say that such a bill has been long overdue here in Cochin and such a measure has been in existence in British India and other parts of the world wherever industries are flourishing and wherever Governments have desired that industries should flourish. Very often I have come across cases where indigenous industrial concerns wanted to get loans from the Government. Though in some cases loans were given, in very many cases there was no correct procedure by which loans could be granted and hence there is great necessity for this bill. I believe that as far as the principle of the bill is concerned there can possibly be no objection; and if there are any details in this Bill which are objectionable these details could very well be rectified. Therefore, without any long speech I support this bill.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is 'State Aid to Industries Bill'.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move that the Bill may be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. P. Krishna Menon, K. M. Ibrahim, P. C. Varkey, A. Eachara Menon, C. Barton Wright, mover and the Government Advocate.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Under the Standing Orders the Officer in charge of the Department should also be a Member.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I have no objection.

Motion put and carried.

President.—The Director of Public Instruction will be he Chairman and the Committee should report within a month.

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